1	2	3
Marathi . .	2	3
Malayalam . .	4	5
Bengali . . .	2	5
Kannada . .	NIL	3
Tamil . . .	2	5
Telugu . . .	NIL	3
Assamese . .	NIL	1

The approximate annual expenditure of Air India and Indian Airlines on the purchase of these newspapers is Rs. 4.92 lakhs and over Rs. 98.34 lakhs respectively.

Discontinuation of Vayudoot flights in Gujarat

*551. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot, which is operating commercial services in different parts of Gujarat, propose to trim its operations in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details of services which are proposed to be discontinued; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) At present Vayudoot flights to Gujarat remain suspended due to grounding of the aircraft for mandatory checks.

Mazagaon Dock Limited

*552. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) submitted a bid to ONGC for cost and wrap portion of the ICP Heera Project; if so, on which date it was submitted and what are the details of the bid submitted in this regard;

(b) the reasons for which the MDL did not make the bid as per ONGC requirements, thus resulting in the bid being considered not acceptable;

(c) what actually led them to have a tie-up with an organisation like M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels Limited which was a black-listed company;

(d) how did the combined bid become acceptable when MDL, on its own strength, was in a position to bid for the contract;

(e) on which date the MDL tied up with PJPVL and when submitted a bid as a member of the consortium led by PJPVL and what are the reasons therefor and the details of the agreement signed by MDL with PJPVL; and

(f) on which date the MDL came to know that PJPVL was a black-listed company and what are the reasons for forming a consortium with such a company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) MDL submitted stage I technical bid for this project on 14 October 1992 and stage II bid on 20 December 1993.

(b) As per its earlier practice with ONGC, the MDL's bid was not accompanied by a bank guarantee and was, for that reason, not opened.

(c) and (f) According to information now received from the Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, vide orders dated 13 August 1993 and 28 February 1994 respectively ban was placed on business dealings of PJPVL in the non statutory sphere with the respective two Ministries, their attached